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PLANNING DIRECTIVE NO. 32

SUBJECT: Allocation and Coordination of Intelligence Research Responsibilities

REFERENCE: (a) CPS Planning Directive No. 1 - Coordination of Intelligence
Research

1. The Problems

- a. Planning Directive No. 1 directed a study of the general problem raised by a memorandum from Op-23-F, relating to the duplication of effort in performing intelligence research and preparing intelligence studies. The required study and recommendations were submitted to the Chief, Central Planning Staff, as required by Planning Directive No. 1, which is herewith closed.
- h. The study indicated that there is need for a general survey of the intelligence research problem for the specific purpose of allocating research responsibilities among the agencies subject to control of the NIA.

2. Planning Requirements:

The Intelligence Branch will study the problem and submit necessary recemmendations, including a draft of a proposed CIG Directive. The action will be prepared with a view to ultimate establishment of a system that will insure the following:

- 3. That, for each broad field of subject matter, primary responsibility for performing intelligence research for the NIA, and as an interdepartmental service for agencies subject to NIA coordination, is assigned to the department or departments most capable of undertaking it.
- b. That undesirable duplication in the research program is reduced to a minimum.
- g. That the NIA program of intelligence research, including dissemination of the resulting intelligence, is given such direction, assignment of priorities, and supervision, as will assure its adequacy for purposes of national security.
- 4. That the basis of this direction and assignment of priorities shall include full consideration of the existing EEI.
- That provisions are made for a continuous check of the adequacy and fulfillment of the above program.

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3. Deadline:

An informal progress report will be submitted on 20 May.

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